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FROM

Jerusalem

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Dated

P. 1368

Received in Registry

8 Sept 10

Referred by Jerusalem P.O. to cypher telegram.

Post office in Jerusalem has referred to any cypher telegrams from the Jerusalem consulate, giving it reasons that the receipt of cypher telegrams in numbers has been prohibited. Cypher that necessary steps be taken to allow P.O. to accept them.

Last Paper

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(Minutes.)

Would Treaty Dept. care to make any obs. before we write to the Colonial Office?

References

Treaty Dept.

(Print)

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Sept 11th  
Capt. W.A.B. Matheson  
80.  
from H. Beith.  
✓ Sept Oct 3

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H. Beith 11/9  
The use of cypher by a consular officer for a communication addressed by him to his government or to the diplomatic mission under whose superintendence he is, is a generally recognised international practice and is one of the privileges expressly provided for in the draft standard consular convention (Art. 8(2)). I don't think the Palestine Government have any right to disregard it, even in the existing state of emergency in that country.

M. Evans

Sept 10/47

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This is a privilege generally accorded to consuls by international practice and should only be denied in very exceptional circumstances which I agree with Mr Glavin do not at present exist in Peter Line.

WVJ Evans  
WVJ EVANS  
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Draft by Co.

Bu. Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

JB sept. 30

In P.P. 60-let to Posters 2369 s/p

Bu. Nov 10

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Mr. W. A. C.  
Matheson,  
Colonial Office.

From: Mr. Beith

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FOREIGN OFFICE  
S. W. 1.

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3 Oct  
September, 1947.

Dear Matheson,

I send you herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Yugoslav Embassy regarding the refusal of cypher telegrams from the Yugoslav Consulate at Jerusalem. by the local post office

2. The use of cypher by a Consular Officer for communication with his Government or with the Diplomatic Mission superintending his post office ~~him~~ is generally recognised internationally practice and is one of the privileges expressly provided for in the draft standard consular convention (Article 8 (2)). This privilege should only, in our view, be denied in very exceptional circumstances and it would not seem that the present situation in Palestine warrants such a denial.

3. Would you kindly investigate the situation and let us know as soon as possible what reply we ~~could~~ <sup>can</sup> return to the Yugoslav Embassy?

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

3rd October, 1947.

(E 8320/8320/31)

Dear Mathieson,

I send you herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Yugoslav Embassy regarding the refusal by the local post office of cypher telegrams from the Yugoslav Consulate at Jerusalem.

2. The use of cypher by a Consular Officer for communication with his Government or with the Diplomatic Mission superintending his post is a generally recognised international practice and is one of the privileges expressly provided for in the draft standard consular convention (Article 8(2)). This privilege should only, in our view, be denied in very exceptional circumstances and it would not seem that the present situation in Palestine warrants such a denial.

3. Would you kindly investigate the situation and let us know as soon as possible what reply we can return to the Yugoslav Embassy?

(J. G. S. Beith)

W. A. C. Mathieson, Esq., M. B. E.,  
Colonial Office.

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**OUTWARD TELEGRAM** mw 7

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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Cypher (C.T.P.)

14 OCT 1947

TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

Sent 5th October, 1947. 10.45 hrs.

Re. 2369 Secret.

Yugoslav Embassy has represented to Foreign Office that Post Office in Jerusalem has refused to accept telegrams in cypher from Yugoslav Consulate in that city, giving as its reason that the receipt of cypher telegrams in numerals has been prohibited. In forwarding this complaint Foreign Office point out that cypher facilities are among privileges expressly provided for in the draft Standard Consular Convention, Article 8(2), and should only in their view be denied in very exceptional circumstances. Grateful for early advice on reply to be given to Yugoslav Embassy.

Copy sent to:-

Foreign Office - Mr. J.G.S. Beith.

(Ref. E.8320/8320/31 of 3rd October).

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 No. Command.  
 Dated 70499/2/47.  
 Received in Registry } 17 Nov  
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Refused by Jerusalem P.O. to accept cipher telegram  
 Pictorial 1129 of Oct 15 Refers to tel 2319  
 E8320/8320/31) It has now been learned from  
 the British P.O. that the prohibition of cipher  
 telegrams by the Hungarian Govt is not applicable  
 to Govt telegrams. Govt telegrams handled by the  
 Hungarian Consul General in Jerusalem will not  
 therefore be refused.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

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References.

A feeble explanation. I  
 think we had better just  
 call it a misunderstanding  
 and express regret.

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Sept. Hungarian Embassy.  
 ✓ Nov 25

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 Southern Dept. )  
 Treaty Dept. )  
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J. S. Baird  
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 J. S. Baird  
 25 Nov. 25

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J. L. M. 20/11

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From the High Commissioner for Palestine.

To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date...18th. October, 1947

No.....1129.....Saving. ROUTE "L"

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Your telegram No.2369 - Yugoslav Cypher telegrams.

In view of the intimation given in the British Post Office Guide that cypher telegrams addressed to Yugoslavia were prohibited by the Yugoslav Government, cypher telegrams handed in by the Yugoslav Consul General in Jerusalem were refused in the past by the Post Office Jerusalem, which follows U.K. practice in these matters.

2. It has now been learned from the British Post Office that the prohibition of cypher telegrams by the Yugoslav Government is not applicable to Government telegrams. Cypher telegrams handed in by the Yugoslav Consul General in Jerusalem will not repeat not therefore in future be refused. The Consul General of Yugoslavia here has been informed accordingly.

Colonial Office Reference No. 76 499/2/47

With the compliance of the H.C. of S.  
Colonial Office.

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November, 1947.

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Draft memorandum  
to the Yugoslav  
Embassy.

The Foreign Office present their compliments to the Embassy of the Federal Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia and have the honour to inform them that the Government of Palestine have been consulted with regard to the reported refusal of the Post Office at Jerusalem to accept cypher telegrams from the Yugoslav Consulate <sup>-Gen.</sup> which was the subject of the Embassy's memorandum P.No.1368 of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Government of Palestine state that the action of the Post Office at Jerusalem was based on a misunderstanding <sup>about</sup> in regard to Yugoslav practice in regard to cypher telegrams. This misunderstanding <sup>(which is much regretted)</sup> has now been rectified and the Yugoslav Consul-General at Jerusalem has been informed that his cypher telegrams will ~~longer be refused.~~

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*Treaty Dept.*  
*② Southern RPA*  
*Sept. first*  
*J.S. Bevis*  
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The Foreign Office present their compliments to the Embassy of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia and have the honour to inform them that the Government of Palestine have been consulted with regard to the reported refusal of the Post Office at Jerusalem to accept cypher telegrams from the Yugoslav Consulate-General, which was the subject of the Embassy's memorandum P. No. 1368 of 8th September.

2. The Government of Palestine state that the action of the Post Office at Jerusalem was based on a misunderstanding about Yugoslav practice in regard to cypher telegrams. This misunderstanding which is regretted, has now been rectified and the Yugoslav Consul-General at Jerusalem has been informed that his cypher telegrams will no longer be refused.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

25th November, 1947.

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